



DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EXECUTIVE ASSIGNMENT EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

California State Government supports equal opportunity to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, sexual orientation, medical condition or pregnancy. It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free work place. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing Civil Service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

DEPARTMENT:	DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	RELEASE DATE:	Tuesday, June 2, 2009
POSITION TITLE:	Chief Counsel, Director's Office	FINAL FILING DATE:	Monday, June 15, 2009 <i>or until filled</i>
CEA LEVEL:	CEA 4	EXTENDED FINAL FILING DATE:	
SALARY RANGE:	\$ 9,018.00 - \$13,381.00 / Month	BULLETIN ID:	06022009_7

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Under administrative direction of the Chief Deputy Director, the incumbent is the principle legal advisor to executive and other management staff on legal issues and organizes, directs, coordinates and reviews the work of the Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) for the Department of Developmental Services (Department).

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

Either I

Must be a State civil service employee with permanent civil service status or who previously had permanent status in the State civil service.

Or II

Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature, with two or more consecutive years as defined in Government code § 18990.

Or III

Must be a current or former non-elected exempt employee of the Executive Branch with two or more consecutive years (excluding those positions for which salaries are set by statute) as defined in Government Code § 18992.

Or IV

Must be a person retired from the United States military, honorably discharged from active military duty with a service-connected disability, or honorably discharged from active duty as defined in Government Code § 18991.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Applicants must demonstrate the ability to perform high administrative and policy – influencing functions effectively. Such overall ability requires possession of most of the following more specific knowledge and abilities:

(1) Knowledge of the organization and functions of California State Government including the organization and practices of the Legislature and the Executive Branch; principles, practices, and trends of public administration, organization, and management; techniques of organizing and motivating groups; program development and evaluation; methods of administrative problem solving; principles and practices of policy formulation and development; and personnel management techniques; the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity Program objectives; and a manager's role in the Equal Employment Opportunity Program.

(2) Ability to plan, organize, and direct the work of multidisciplinary professional and administrative staff; analyze administrative policies, organization, procedures and practices; integrate the activities of a diverse program to attain common goals; gain the confidence and support of top level administrators and advise them on a wide range of administrative matters; develop cooperative working relationships with representatives of all levels of government, the public, and the Legislature and Executive branches; analyze complex problems and recommend effective courses of action; and prepare and review reports; and effectively contribute to the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.

These knowledge and abilities are expected to be obtained from the following kinds of experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation and/or evaluation of program policies (experience may have been paid or volunteer; in State service, other government settings, or in a private organization):

CEA Level 1. Supervisory/administrative experience in a line or staff activity, including the execution and/or evaluation of program policies.

CEA Levels 2 and 3. Broad administrative or program manager experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation, and/or evaluation of program policies.

CEA Levels 4 and 5. Extensive managerial and program administrative experience which has included substantial responsibility for a combination of management functions such as program planning; policy formulation; organization coordination and control; and fiscal and personnel management. Where high technical professional qualifications are of primary importance in performing the duties of a given CEA position, then the above required experience may have been in a staff capacity exercising professional skills to influence and contribute to program, policy, and methods of providing those professional services. Primary examples are medical doctors and attorneys.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATION(S)

Sufficient knowledge of the organization, mission and statutory environment of the Department to allow the Career Executive Assignment appointee to function effectively in a policy-influencing

assignment. In appraising education and experience, weight will be given to the following desirable qualifications, as well as possession of the minimum qualifications described above:

Knowledge of the Department, including its programs, the needs of the citizens it serves and the developmental center and regional center systems. Experience at a management level in the developmental disability community or other health and human services program areas.

Active membership in the State Bar of California with a breadth and variety of experience (more than five years) in the practice of law (legal experience acquired after admission to The Bar) including various types of issues relating to the developmental disability community or other health and human services program areas.

An understanding of the Lanterman Act and the ability to advise the Department's Executive Staff and the Counsel on Developmental Disabilities' Members of related legal issues.

Ability to work as a team member and assist other Executive Staff members in achieving the mission of the Department including providing legal consequences of proposed policy decisions and options to consider that have a solid basis in law with consideration for the goals of the Department. Demonstrated leadership and management ability in addition to showing initiative and independence of action in policy and decision-making.

Experience that demonstrates the ability to successfully work within administrative systems including, but not limited to, direct interaction with department directorates, Agency Legal Counsel, and other department legal offices (e.g. Department of Justice, Department of General Services, etc.).

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

A minimum rating of 70% must be attained to obtain list eligibility. Hiring interviews may be conducted with the most qualified candidates. All candidates will receive written notification of their examination results. The result of this examination will be used only to fill the position of **Chief Counsel, Director's Office**, with the **DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**. Applications will be retained for twelve months.

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The examination will consist of an application/resume and Statement of Qualifications evaluation by a departmental evaluation committee. Interviews may be conducted if the evaluation committee or appointing power finds it necessary to make a final selection.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Interested applicants must submit:

- A completed Standard State Application (Form 678).
- A "Statement of Qualifications". The Statement is a narrative discussion of how the candidate's education, training, experience, and skills meet the minimum and desirable qualifications and qualify them for the position. The Statement of Qualifications serves as a documentation of each candidate's ability to present information clearly and concisely in writing and should be typed and no more than two pages in length.
- Resumes do not take the place of the Statement of Qualifications.

Applications must be submitted by the final filing date to:

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF, Personnel Services Section
1600 9th Street, MS-Q, Sacramento, CA 95814
Peggie McQuillan | 916-322-7790 | peggie.mcquillan@dds.ca.gov

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

APPLICANTS WHO FAIL TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM THE EXAMINATION.

SPECIAL TESTING

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the "Examination Application." You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you meet the requirements stated in this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be compared with the performance of others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others.

Class specs: <http://www.dpa.ca.gov/textdocs/specs/s7/s7500.txt>